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Glenda Wiles, Administrative Assistant  
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Dear Glenda Wiles,

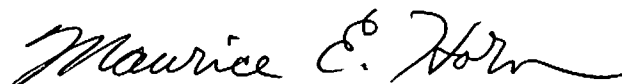
This is a letter in opposition to a proposal to begin mining operations for the removal of 125,000 to 150,000 cubic yards of hard rock over 10 years in Lost Horse Canyon. The plan would effectively close Lost Horse Canyon to all climbing activity during the mining operations.

The local Ravalli County Road Department has been working with the Forest Service on a plan to reactivate a small quarry near the cliffs that has been idle since the 1960s. They propose to more than double the size of the quarry without any environmental impact statements. Re-activation and expansion of the quarry, with industrial crushing operations on site, will outright destroy numerous climbs, threaten dozens more, disrupt wildlife, negatively impact the visual and other recreational assets of the canyon, including up to 75 nearby homeowners.

- Lost Horse Craig is important to me because the quality is outstanding - world class splitter cracks, multi-pitch routes safe and solid, Abundant free camping, next to river, world class bouldering, mountain biking and access to back-country.
- The climbing resources at Lost Horse are very valuable to climbers locally, regionally, and across the country. This is one of the best climbing areas in the state.
- Re-activation of the quarry will negatively impact the scenic nature of the area, produce noise, disrupt wildlife such as migrating herds, wolverine, and peregrine falcons (which nest on the cliff), create a bigger footprint scar in the area and basically make the area too dangerous or impossible for climbing.
- The Forest Service proposal does not recognize or consider the unique recreational asset of Lost Horse, nor the hundreds of climbers and other users in the area. They do not realize climbers and many other users enjoy Lost Horse every month of the year and grossly underestimate the safety and egress issues (access from an upper observation point).

I am interested in protecting Lost Horse Canyon and do not want it to be destroyed by a proposed mining and quarry operation.

Sincerely,



Maurice E. Horn

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